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## Grimsby Garage Robbed Again

Thieves' Paradise Looted For  
Tire, Tube, Electric Drill—  
No Clue To Robbers.

Grimsby Garage, on Main street east, the mecca for break-ins, in this district, was again burglarized late on Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

Discovery was made when the proprietors, Inglehart and Gledhill opened up for business on Wednesday morning. Entrance was gained through a window on the east side of the building. A tire and tube was stolen from the stock room.

Biggest loss was that of a very valuable electric drill, which owing to war time restrictions, cannot be replaced. Clues as to the culprits are nil.

## Presentation To Warden Durham

Handsome Case Of Silver  
From Colleagues — County  
Debt Reduced \$462,000 —  
Warden's Dinner Brilliant  
Affair.

Lincoln's warden, Charles Durham, Reeve of North Grimsby, was Friday evening the genial host to his fellow members of the County Council, ex-wardens, county officials and members of the North Grimsby Township Council at the Lincoln Hotel. The occasion was the annual warden's banquet and it was successful in every respect.

Following the sumptuous turkey banquet County Clerk and Treasurer William Millward presided as toast master, and on behalf of the warden extended a cordial welcome to those in attendance. Mr. Millward commented on the progress in debt reduction by the county until today it is the lowest since 1914 and expectations are that the debt will be fully retired by 1945.

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## Doll House Draw Friday Afternoon

You better hurry if you want to get a ticket on the "sweelegant" Doll House that is being drawn for, at Miliard's Drug Store, for the Cigarette Fund. This is a well made house and will make an ideal gift for some little girl for Christmas. The tickets are only 15 cents each or two for a quarter. You can purchase them at the drug store. The drawing for the house will take place on Friday afternoon at four o'clock. Don't be late and disappointed, get your tickets today.

Among the winners in a draw held in Barrie, for a \$50 War Savings Certificate, was J. Pexseptx, R.R. 1, Grimsby, ticket number 8304E.

## Promoted



Flight-Lieut. Hugh J. L. Merritt, R.C.A.F. who has been promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader and given command of one of Canada's largest fighting squadrons overseas. At the present time he is stationed in Labrador. It is just a year ago that he returned from overseas where he had made 86 operational flights over enemy territory.

# A Very Merry Christmas



## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care  
In the hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

He children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And Mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our heads for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the luster of midday to objects below—  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

Now Dasher! now Dancer! now Prancer and Vix.  
On Comet! on Cupid; on Dunder and Blixen!  
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,  
Now, dash away, dash away; dash away all!

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in twinkling I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.  
As I drew in my head and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

Ho, ho, ho—how they twinkled! his dimples—how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.  
His droll little mouth was drawn up in a bow,  
And his beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face, and a little round belly,  
Which shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was so chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team he gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle;  
And I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

## An Important Notice

### TO INDEPENDENT SUBSCRIBERS:

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For some months we have by letter and newspaper announcement warned independent readers of this official ruling, and many have responded most loyally to our repeated urgings, but there are still some who fail to recognize the seriousness of the situation both for themselves and the publisher.

The ruling is a fair one, and to avoid serious penalties to us for failure to comply, this is to serve FINAL notice that if you do not

remit IMMEDIATELY we will have no alternative but to discontinue your paper.

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## Citizens Should Show Interest

Nominations On Monday Next Should Be Well Attended—People Owe It To Their Servants To Do So.

Next Monday is Nomination Day in Grimsby and North Grimsby and it behoves the citizens of these two municipalities to attend these meetings and hear the report of their elected officials regarding their deeds and misdeeds of the past year.

North Grimsby meeting will be held in the Municipal Chambers, from one until two o'clock in the afternoon. The Town Meeting will be held from 7.30 to 8.30 in the evening. After nominations close then members of council and other municipal bodies will be prepared to give an accounting of their stewardship, but they do not like to talk to empty benches.

We are quite in accord with the citizens generally, that they are more than satisfied with the man-

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## Bake Shop Closed At Smithville

Just Cease Business — Reason Not Known — Local Ration Board Has No Information On Matter.

Great excitement prevailed in Smithville, on Tuesday afternoon, when it was learned that the bake shop of Ward and Voll had closed up business. Rumours were thick. Many of them blaming the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, but no confirmation of these were obtainable.

The closing of this bake shop cut off the supply of bread for the larger portion of South Grimsby and Gainsboro townships, as well as the Village of Smithville. Many people were inclined to blame the Local Ration Board for the closing of the shop, but in this they are completely in error.

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## Restrictions Are Still On Lights

There Cannot Be Any Outside Lighting Or Lighting Decorations — Inside Lights From Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 Only

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding, as regards Christmas lights and decorations. There has been no relaxation in restrictions this year. The regulations governing Christmas lighting and decorations are exactly the same as in the past two years.

Complete instructions with regard to the lighting of Christmas trees and Christmas decorations shall be as follows:

(a) — No Christmas tree or Christmas decorations shall be lighted except during the period December 24th to January 1st, in-

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## Fire Loss Light During The Year

Total Damage In Township \$25,550, Caused By Four Fires — Only \$1,145 Loss In Town —

The annual report of Fire Chief Alf. LePage, to the Joint Fire Committee, for 1943, shows that the Grimsby Fire Department has done a grand job in the past year.

In the town the brigade answered 10 alarms, with a total fire loss of \$1,145. These losses were: H. Bivand, Oak street, overheated stove pipes, \$150; Town barn and D. Cloughley shop \$950; Dominion Cafe, awning burned, \$15.

In the township the fire loss was \$25,550, made up by four fires. The Lambert barn and contents on Ridge Road West accounted for \$15,000, while the Peter Marlowe barn fire was \$10,000. An electric iron caused a fire at Mr. Ball's, Main street west, loss \$50. The Francis West house on the Smithville stems road was burned at a loss of \$500.

All told the department answered 20 calls in the township during the year, including the bush fires.

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## FACTS & FANCIES

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### FIVE CHRISTMASES

- 1939—What is this war?
- 1940—What if we lose?
- 1941—Can we win?
- 1942—We can win.
- 1943—We are winning.

Always bearing in mind that thousands of our finest people have died to save us, and reserving for the bereaved a deep and lasting sympathy, we now can look forward to Victory and Peace on Earth.

### THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

(By Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, in Reader's Digest)

Holiday and Holy Day, Christmas is more than a yule log, holly or tree. It is more than natural good cheer and the giving of gifts. Christmas is even more than the feast of the home and of children, the feast of love and friendship. It is more than all of these together. Christmas is Christ, the Christ of justice and charity, of freedom and peace.

The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is the joy of the soul and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is union with Him who has overcome the world.

The leaders and peoples of nations must understand these fundamental truths if we are ever to have freedom and peace. Unless charters and pacts have a divine sanction, unless "God is the Paramount Ruler of the world," then again and again, as the waves upon the shore, must catastrophe follow catastrophe.

Not until men lay aside greed, hatred, pride and the tyranny of evil pass on, to travel the road that began at Bethlehem, will the Star of Christmas peace illuminate the world. Christmas is the Birthday of freedom, for it is only the following of Christ that makes men free.

### THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

Christmas celebrates the birth of the infant whose marvellous teaching has revolutionized the world. The picture of that little child born in a stable and cradled in a manger draws the world's heart to youth. So Christmas has always centered about child life, and it places its first thought on bringing happiness to the little ones.

So there are scenes of joy in every home that is blessed by children. Parents take infinite delight in filling the kidlet's stockings with fascinating toys, and seeing their eyes stick out with surprise and pleasure as they open up some unexpected gift.

The Christmas tree with its flashing lights and sparkling ornaments and glittering tinsel seems like a vision of heaven to the ecstatic little ones. They jump up and down with unchecked glee, and their merry squeals resound through the house. The parents are apt to be still more happy as they view this scene of merriment and enthusiasm.

The children should not get the idea that Christmas is all a receiving proposition. Some youngsters get so many things that they become indifferent about their toys and possessions. At the same time there are many families where playthings are few, and the little ones miss something of the joy of childhood.

The youngsters of the comfortable home should do something to bring the happiness

of Christmas to those who are likely to miss some of this gladness. If the children can make their gifts out of their own money, instead of asking their parents to provide them with the necessary cash, they will come nearer learning the real meaning of Christmas. If they earn the money to make the gifts, they find the real joy that can come from such offerings.

If children learn to be generous at an early age, the habit is likely to remain permanent in their later life. So Christmas for the children is to be regarded as a form of education, which teaches them to go through life sharing their blessings with their friends and those who need help.

### WAR CHRISTMAS

The ingenuity of Santa Claus has been sadly taxed this year. He has done his best to turn out tanks and guns made of wood and cardboard, but there are no clockwork mechanisms. Wooden trains lack the mobility of the streamlined electrics of a few Christmases ago. Even dolls this year are so economically constructed as to force the conclusion that many of Santa's elves and gnomes have been caught by a compulsory transfer order.

It's rather tough on parents, whose imaginations are no longer equal to creating a land of make-believe without the elaborate props of pre-war Christmases. One can hardly spend an afternoon demonstrating to little Johnny the proper method of running a wooden tractor.

For little Johnny and his friends, the situation is not too serious. One young lady of our acquaintances, forbidden the use of her skipping-rope indoors, because of possible damage to mantel-piece ornaments, still skips happily in the living-room, swinging an imaginary rope.

Almost any evening after school is out one can observe sanguinary engagements waged against Japs and Germans with weapons that an unsympathetic observer might mistake for broomsticks and garden tools. A battered express-wagon is easily converted into a tank, a naval gun or a dive-bomber.

And Santa Claus has given the parents one break. This year the after-dinner nap will not be interrupted by the notes of a tin trumpet.

### TALKING TURKEY

The main thing about your Christmas turkey is that it should be tender, brown and well-stuffed. It matters little whether the breed Black Norfolk, White Holland, Bourbon Red Black Norfolk, Narragansett, or Slate. The proof of a bird is in the eating.

However, your turkey holds more than gastronomic interest, according to ornithologists of the Royal Ontario Museum. Young as it may be, its history stems back several centuries.

Indians of the American Southwest first domesticated the turkey, a species found native only on this continent. Spanish explorers took Mexican breeding stock to Spain from whence it spread to other countries of the Old World. It reached England between 1520 and 1540. It was brought back to America by the early settlers.

In the course of time the several varieties mentioned above were developed by breeding. Apparently all originated from Mexican stock. The wild race which was once plentiful in eastern North America seems to have contributed nothing to your Christmas dinner, although your pioneer forefathers feasted on it.

This quaint prayer hangs outside the doors of the Refectory of the Cathedral at Chester, England.

Give me a good digestion, Lord,  
And also something to digest;  
Give me a healthy body, Lord,  
With sense to keep it at its best;  
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,  
To keep the good and pure in sight,  
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled;  
But finds a way to set it right;  
Give me a mind that is not bored,  
That does not whimper, whine—sigh;  
Don't let me worry over much;  
About the fussy thing called "I";  
Give me a sense of humor, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some pleasure out of life  
And pass it onto other folk.

Tough problem for many people right now. What to give for Christmas; after that, how to get it or where?

A 24-year-old Lancashire girl stood up for 19 hours in a bomber on her stowaway flight to Canada. It isn't the sort of thing that should be encouraged, but when a woman makes up her mind to do something, what can be done about it.

## In Memoriam

(Written for Sgt.-Air Observer Perry McLean who gave his life in the cause of Freedom, and for all the other Airmen who have given their lives, by Jessie May Bain, Grimsby.)

He grew so tall, our bonnie lad,  
So strong, and blithe and gay,  
His hours flew by on joy's fleet wings,  
His years seemed but a day.

He gloried in the games at school,  
Upon the playing field,  
And in the classes too, excelled,  
His name's there, on a shield.

And then away to war he went,  
So eager, dauntless, brave,  
To soar above the puny earth,  
A stricken world help save.

Through pathless realms of boundless space  
We pictured him in flight,  
Till the Master said "Come higher son,  
Your task is done to-night."

"Your eyes are keen, and faithfully  
They've searched the war-torn skies,  
In peace they'll view the glory here,  
For glory is your prize.

You played the game and fought the fight,  
You've done your very best,  
Your craft set down, your post give o'er,  
Come up, dear heart, and rest."

With one swift leap he scaled the heights,  
That seemed like hills he'd known,  
And gained the heavenly tablelands,  
Where happy spirits roam.

The golden gates that swing ajar,  
For him had opened wide,  
And he found many comrades there  
Who had journeyed by his side.

And on a lovely deathless scroll,  
That Time can never dim,  
Our Lord himself has penned his name,  
And keeps him close to Him.

He must have longed for streets at home,  
And wished he could be there,  
But now he walks the streets of gold,  
In a city, wondrous fair.

Blue waters of the lake he loved,  
And breasted them with glee,

"Tis fit that he is sleeping now,  
By a shining sapphire sea.

Upon the storied Isles of Greece,  
In sunlit, sylvan bower,  
His resting place is green and fair,  
A paradise of flowers.

Along the trail are loving friends,  
Who never will forget,  
We do not say that he is dead,  
Or that his sun has set.

But rather that he's just gone up,  
Ahead, a little way,  
And knows a life so full and bright,  
Our hearts would have him stay.

For sorrow he'll know never more,  
Nor any sort of care  
He'll not grow old, but stay so young,  
In the mansions over there.

Dear are the memories we have,  
Of his young life's short while,  
Tis sweet we missed not knowing him,  
And the radiance of his smile.

And thus he went, and to say said,  
"So long—he seeing . . ."  
And we will see him once again,  
In the Land where dreams come true.

### WHAT A DIFFERENCE SIXTY YEARS MAKES

Sixty years ago women wore hoop-skirts, busies, petticoat, corsets, cotton stockings, high buttoned shoes, ruffled cotton drawers, flannel nightgowns, puffs in their hair—did their own cooking, baking, cleaning, washing, ironing—raised big families—went to church Sundays—were too busy to be sick.

Today women wear anklets instead of stockings, shorts in the summer, slacks in the winter, bras instead of corsets, scanties instead of panties, pageboy bob instead of braids, smoke cigarettes in public, red enamel their nails and toes, accentuate the lines of their mouths with vivid lipstick, wear open-toe slippers instead of high button shoes, drive cars recklessly but not recklessly, play bridge for high stakes and go in for politics as a pastime instead of a vocation.

"Mene, Mene Tekel Upharsin." God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it. Biblical thought for the day for Berliners.

## STARDUST

"Our blessings are as the star-dust  
Strewn by the hand of God."

★ Cluster of stars in a winter sky . . .  
shadows of dusk drifting into night . . .  
shimmer of snow in the starlight, on field  
and roadway and roof . . . glow of lighted  
windows patterning the darkness . . . and  
distant chimes trembling through the  
stillness.

★ Christmastide . . . and the New Year  
beckoning . . . a fitting season for quiet  
thought and thankfulness.

★ For peaceful days and quiet nights . . .  
for homes secure and the laughter of little  
children . . . for food enough and to spare  
. . . for the right to live as free men live . . .

*Let us be grateful.*

★ For the bounty of the harvest gathered  
in . . . for the fertility of our fields . . .  
for the rich resources of mine and forest  
and waterway . . . for the glorious  
strength of this, our Canada . . .

*Let us give thanks.*

★ Of all we have endured . . . the sacri-  
fices we have made . . . of unaccustomed  
task and sterner effort . . . and of our  
high resolve that freedom shall forever  
live . . .

*Let us be proud.*

★ In all we shall endeavour . . . in all we  
must achieve . . . in journey through the  
darker days that come before the dawn  
. . . in our unshaken faith in victory . . .

*Let us be unafraid.*

★ Night upon two thousand years ago, a  
Star led the Wise Men to the manger-  
throne at Bethlehem, there to hail the  
advent of the Prince of Peace. So may  
the steadfast stars inspire us to mightier  
effort and to greater sacrifice . . . that  
evil may be overthrown and that the  
day may swiftly dawn

"When war is not, and hate is dead,  
When nations shall in consort tread  
The quiet ways of peace . . ."

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## ...UPON A STAR

Under the bright Italian sky, three of our soldiers spoke tonight  
Of the gifts that they would choose, this sombre Christmas Day.

A lean, wheat-haired prairie boy  
Spoke of things remembered.

*Let me feel the lithe whip  
Of that light steel casting rod  
And the battered old hat  
With bright flies in the band;  
Mail me some o' the ham 'n' eggs.  
Mother cooked on Sunday morning  
And the yellow sweatshirt I wore,  
The model "T" with my name on the door  
And a piece of the back yard  
With picket fence and raspberry canes  
And a settler who answered to "Bess".  
I'll take the case full of books  
And those old slippers I wore  
And my tool set, if you please,  
With some shavings of pine  
And, oh, yes, the ice skates  
(Behind the garage door).*

A husky lad from a western town  
Spoke of sight and sound.

*Send me the train whistle's cry  
Across the sleeping town  
And the pull of the summer wind  
In the sails of my sloop.  
Make me a fat parcel, please,  
Of waves along a familiar beach,  
The market at Saturday noon,  
Rain running in the eaves,  
The camp in the Spring  
With the maples turning green  
And a guitar playing in the night.  
Let me hear Foster Hewitt again,*

*The shouts of kids in the pool  
And the milk wagon's rattle  
Going down the morning street.  
These are the gifts for me  
With maybe the sunset after a storm  
Across the wide, wet gulf.*

An eastern boy, slim and dark,  
Spoke of portraits in his mind.

*I'll take the Christmas crowds  
In the bright-lit city streets  
With a Santa Claus at every corner  
And the carol-singing boys  
Standing in the snow.  
If you can send a female V-mail  
Send me that girl in the yellow dress  
Who waits today in the white cottage  
On a high hill with a view.  
I'll take the beet-faced Irish cop,  
The lads I worked with in the shop,  
The mechanic named Gus  
And all the friends and folks  
Who shared the things of living.  
If there is a Kringle, Kris,  
Let my gift this Christmas be  
A daughter with a button nose  
And eyes brown as chocolate drops;  
A daughter I've never seen.*

Now a strident whistle blew.  
Our troops were moving up the line.  
The tall kid rose and grinned and said:

"Let's Go! Christmas lies ahead!"

## Boy Scouts



At Monday night's scout meeting the honour patrol flag for the month was won by the bulldog patrol and was received by their second scout, Donald Gattton. Heavy cheers were given the winners and all other patrols assured the winners that they would have to work hard for it next month.

The following boys have proven themselves able scouts by learning the tenderfoot tests and passing them. Scouts Bobby Fisher, Ray Oelchuk, David Nickerson, Bobby Jones, Lewis Larsen. These boys were invested at this meeting by the scoutmaster and his assistants. During this ceremony Acting A.S.M. Douglas Bedford took the new boys who are just starting scouting to the boys' basement for instruction.

For the balance of the evening games were enjoyed by the whole troupe. Scouts will please take note that there will not be any scout meetings on Dec. 26th and 27th. In their place hikes will be held as follows: On Saturday, Dec. 25th a hike will be taken by scouts requiring their cooking and firelighting tests for second class badge. On Tuesday Dec. 28th, a sealed order will be made. All scouts are eligible for this hike and in both hikes scouts must bring their own equipment and food, sufficient for one meal.

## Cubbing

Cubmaster Mote invested Leslie Walters at last week's meeting, and now all the boys taking the training course have received their badges. The afternoon was spent in taking One Star Tests, and several cubs were successful in passing the Union Jack, Somersault, Leap Frog and Hopping tests. Games and a story completed the afternoon's activities. Early in the New Year the Pack will be open to all boys between the ages of Eight and Twelve, the opening date to be announced shortly.

## Odd Facts About Christmas Season

Until turkeys were introduced into England in the year 1524, peacock was the most popular Yuletide dish.

The first festival of Christmas held in Britain was in 521.

Swans were the standard dish at one time for Christmastide fare.

Mince pies were once called "minched pies." The crust was coffin-shaped to imitate the manager at Bethlehem.

It was in the middle of the nineteenth century that Christmas crackers began to be made in London.

The "still Christmas" was that of 1525, when King Henry VIII was ill, and the nation said and "still". There were no bells, no carols and no festivities.

The holly-tree is regarded as the fairies' own tree in many parts of Ireland.

Mistletoe grows on twenty different varieties of English trees, but is most common on the apple.

Merry Christmas  
In Alien Tongues

People of the United Nations may say it differently, but they all mean one thing: Merry Christmas!

Here are the season's toasts in foreign tongues:

Belgium (Flemish): Vrolijk Kerstmiss.

Brazil (Portuguese): Bonas Festas.

China: Guo Tsu Yeh Su Sen Tau.

Costa Rica: Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama (Spanish): Felices Pascuas.

Czecho-Slovakia: Veselé Vánoce.

Ethiopia: Enkwas Eberhan Leda-tew Yaddarasawo.

Fighting French: Joyeux Noël.

Greece: Cala Heistougena.

Haiti (French): Joyeux Noël.

India (Hindustani): Christmas Mubarak.

Luxembourg: Elther French (Joyeux Noël) or German (Frohe Weihnachten).

Norway: Gladelig Jul.

Poland: Wesolych Swiat.

South Africa: Geesende Kersfees.

Soviet Union: Se Rozhdestvom Christovym.

The Netherlands: Vrolijk Kerstfeest.

Yugoslavia: Sretan Bozic.

"Big" Rushton: y'reM sumtsirhc

The Navy League  
Grand RallyNewspaperman  
Goes To Reward

The death occurred in Toronto, last week, of one of the finest newspapermen that the Province ever produced. He was John B. Hanna, whom the Editor of The Independent knew well and highly respected, since the boyhood days, when the late Mr. Hanna was connected with the late W. B. Burgoine in the production of The St. Catharines Standard. He was for many years News Editor of the old Mail and Empire. The Circle Bar column in the Globe and Mail of Dec. 6th, writes of this excellent gentleman, as follows:

There is nobody who knew the late John B. Hanna who will not be saddened by the news of his unexpected death. I had the honor of his friendship for a quarter of a century, and speaking from this record, I wish to say that I never met a greater Christian gentleman. I never knew a man who thought less of himself and more of others. He had his own difficulties. I never heard him whimper. I never heard him blame anybody else for anything. Newspaper men are not notable for their religious observances. John Hanna was a shining exception. He was a church-goer, he was a humble worshipper, and while he did not try to force his beliefs on others, his own actions were his sufficient testimony. He would turn away from a slightly off-color story. He would be as shocked as a girl at an indecency; but he did not judge. He knew a

good deal about the world as it was, but he seemed to have a mystic knowledge of the world as it will be, and in this his faith was rooted. For many years I watched him in the discharge of his duties, and there never was a more faithful trustee. His generosity was boundless. He stripped himself for those not so well protected. He would get out of his bed to help anybody who appealed to him, and appealed with no claim but a common humanity. In character, he was a great man, and the kind of great man of whom one meets not more than two or three in the

course of one's life. And he was something more than that—he was a good man.

People are seldom made better by scolding, and certainly not by telling them that they are ruined.

A man may be a small creature in comparison with an elephant, but would you rather be an elephant or the man who controls him? Let us not be deceived by mere bulk.

To-day is the only real day of life for us. To-day is the tomb of yesterday, the cradle of to-morrow.

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## WE MUST HOLD THE LINE!

On the home front the battle against inflation is now the most critical of all.

\* The winning of this battle will contribute much to winning the war.

\* It will contribute more than all else towards the solution of post-war problems.

The purpose of Price Control is to prevent inflation. Its purpose is to protect and maintain a basic standard of living.

A higher money income will not be of any advantage if, because prices are going up, our money buys less and less.

To win the battle against unemployment in the post-war period, we must first of all win the battle against inflation.

Salaries and wages are a large element, often the largest element, in the cost of everything we buy.

If the Price Ceiling breaks down, in the long run all stand to lose.

We must hold the line against inflation to assure victory in war.

We must hold the line to provide a solid foundation on which, after the war, to build a greater and a better Canada.

*M. MacKenzie King*

PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Ottawa, December 13, 1943

# Social Events ★ Personals ★ Organizations ★ Club Activities

Mrs. James Doran, Miss Fanny Doran and Miss Elsie Drury, have taken rooms at The Village Inn for the winter months.

Angela Burgess, a war guest and student at St. Hilda's College, Toronto is spending the Christmas holidays with Chas. J. and Mrs. DeLaplaine, Grimsby Beach.

Miss Joan File, a war guest at St. Hilda's college, Toronto, is a Christmas visitor with Mrs. Moyler, Grimsby Beach.

Flight-Sgt. Delbert Cecil Moore, R.C.A.F. overseas, a nephew of Mrs. A. V. Catton, Grimsby, was recently decorated, at Buckingham Palace, by King George V, with the George Medal.

## CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONS

### St. Joseph's, Grimsby

Rev. B. A. O'Donnell, M.A., P.P.

#### CONFESIONS

Children: Friday afternoon, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Adults: Friday evening 7.30 to 10 p.m. Doors will be locked after Confessions until 11.30 p.m. Christmas Carols will be sung from 11.40 p.m. to 12 o'clock.

MIDNIGHT MASS, 12.01 a.m.

Second Christmas Mass, 9 a.m.

Third Christmas Mass, 9.30 a.m.

SUNDAY MASS, DECEMBER 26th, 11 a.m.

### St. Martin's, Smithville

CONFESIONS, Friday Evening, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS, 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY MASS, December 26th, 9.30 a.m.

### St. Helen's, Vineland

CONFESIONS, Friday Evening, 10 to 11.45 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS, 12.01 a.m.

Second Christmas Mass, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY MASS, Dec. 26th, 9.30 a.m.

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OUR SINCERE WISH IS FOR . . .

A MERRY, CHEERY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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GRIMSBY, CANADA

Over this festive season, there will be a great number of visitors to Grimsby and district. There will also be a lot of our own people who will be visiting at other points. Please let The Independent have these personalia. Particularly about our Service Men and Women who have been home for the Christmas holiday. Call the office and tell us about them. The Office will be closed Boxing Day, so please do your telephoning on Tuesday, or better still write your personals and send them in. We want them all.

"Princess O'Rourke," that screamingly funny comedy, is the feature attraction at Moore's Theatre, afternoon and evening of Christmas day.

Christmas Seal sales in Grimsby, last week, totalled \$40.98, as compared to \$35.90, in 1942. It is not too late yet to buy a supply of these seals.

Robert Glassener, manager of Allied Fruit Farms, who has been ill for the past two months, is able to be out and around again.

The death occurred in Norwich, Ont., last week of Mrs. David C. Eaton, sister of Mr. John Forman of Grimsby, in her 82nd year.

Miss Audrey Richardson, a war guest of Fred and Mrs. Jewson, who is attending St. Hilda's College, Toronto, is home for the Christmas holidays. Craig Bowden of Toronto will also be the guest for the Yuletide with Have-lock Jewson.

#### SERVICES IN S. ANDREW'S

Saturday, Christmas Day

Celebrations at 8 and 11 o'clock.

Sunday, the 4th in the month, the usual sequence, an 8 o'clock Celebration, followed by matins at 11 o'clock, and Evensong at 7, a Carol Service without sermon.

#### Births

GUNNING — At the West Avenue Nursing Home, Beamsville, on Tuesday, December 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gunning, a daughter. A Sister for Barbara.

#### One Dairy Town

Grimsby is a one milk dairy town again.

Last Friday Campbell's Dairy ceased business and closed its doors.

Russell Terry of the Model Dairy took over the Campbell customers for milk delivery purposes, only.

It is presumed that the Campbell equipment will be dismantled and sold on the market.

#### Eastern Star

The members of Grimsby Chapter No. 195, O.E.S., went to their families at an O.E.S. Christmas party on Tuesday evening, December 21st, in the Chapter rooms. The entertainment committee, convened by Mrs. Frank Anderson and the Worthy Matron Mrs. Frank Hitchman, arranged a very enjoyable programme around the beautiful lighted Christmas tree.

The signing of the traditional Carols, accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Dousett, and the playing of games, were enjoyed enthusiastically and young John Heaslip's rendition of "P' tol Packin' Mama" was one of the highlights of the evening.

Parcels of Christmas treats were presented to the children, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Lawrence Hyatt and her committee.

#### Women's Institute

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Raymond, Paton St. Roll was answered by "Innocent hearts done to children."

Mrs. Warner gave a further report on outstanding war work which was given at the Hamilton area Convention. Total funds raised during the last year from all services being \$15,000. The Jam project being the largest undertaking on which \$4,000 was spent. Other funds were allotted as follows:- Parcels overseas \$2,500; Red Cross \$3,000; Women's Institute central fund \$1,500; War bonds and Stamps \$700; Sewing materials \$500; Navy League \$1,000; War Charities \$2,800.

A motion was made that each member give a social afternoon or evening, all funds raised to go to the New Lincoln Memorial Hospital bed, which is the Women's Institute objective.

Musical numbers were given by pupils of Mrs. Tweney and Mrs. Bolton. Hazel Twocock, Leona Twocock, Irene Jones, Isabelle Stevenson, Jean Raymond, Albina Klowak, all contributed to the program, which was followed by singing Christmas Carols.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. G. Warner, third Tuesday in January.

The Hostess, Mrs. Raymond, served a delightful lunch. Meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### Obituary

##### MRS. CATHARINE COLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Catharine Cole were held on Friday morning last, with Mass being conducted in St. Joseph's R. C. church, by Rev. Father B. A. O'Donnell. Interment being in Queen's Lawn cemetery.

Casket bearers were John Hurd, James Lawson, Roy Smye, Marcus Hiltz, Bernard Smuck and Roy Montgomery.

##### MRS. F. A. ROSEBRUGH

Grimsby residents were greatly shocked on Sunday evening to learn of the sudden death, at her home on Paton street, of Mrs. Fred A. Rosebrugh, in her 70th year.

Deceased had not been in good health for a considerable period of time, but her illness was not of such a serious state as to cause undue alarm, so when the end came suddenly her great legion of friends throughout the district were shocked and upset.

She was the daughter of the late Edgar J. and Mrs. Palmer, life long residents of Grimsby. Mary Palmer from her earliest childhood days was a vivacious, spirited woman, who made friends wherever she went, with her ready smile and hearty greeting. She numbered her friends in all classes of life and will be greatly missed by them all.

Following her marriage she resided in Hamilton for several years where her husband, Dr. Rosebrugh practiced his profession. Upon his retirement from active practice, some 30 years ago, they returned to Grimsby to reside. The Doctor predeceased her in 1931.

She was an adherent of St. Andrew's Anglican church and a valued member of St. Andrew's W.A.

Mrs. (Major) Murray Biggar is her only survivor.

Funeral services were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. Allan Ballard, officiating. Interment being in the family plot in Queen's Lawn cemetery.

Casket bearers were: Col. Wm. Coleman, Ottawa; C. P. Coleman, Toronto, Roy C. Calder, St. Catharines; M. S. Nelles, George Nelles, James Hogan, Grimsby.

##### HARRY P. LANCASTER

The death occurred at the Toronto General hospital early Saturday of Henry Pettit (Harry) Lancaster, husband of Pearl O. Lancaster, and son of Mrs. Lancaster, and the late E. A. Lancaster, K.C., former member of parliament for Lincoln County. His brother, E. H. Lancaster, K.C., is crown attorney for Lincoln County.

Mr. Lancaster had been ill for about two years, but his demise came unexpectedly and shocked friends and acquaintance throughout this area. He had visited St. Catharines recently and had returned to the hospital Wednesday.

Mr. Lancaster's passing will be mourned by many. Born in Grimsby, the deceased was in his 50th year and with the exception of a short residence in Toronto he had resided in St. Catharines throughout his lifetime.

Of a quiet disposition, he had a kindly, genial personality which at-

tracted lasting friendships. The Mr. Lancaster was educated in the public schools of St. Catharines and at Ridley College. Always keenly interested in athletics, he was prominent in football and hockey at Ridley College, and later he was singles and doubles champion of the St. Catharines Badminton Club.

He was latterly employed by the

Dominion Life Insurance Co. of St. Catharines.

The late Mr. Lancaster is survived by his widow and his mother, two sons, Edward A. Lancaster and Harry H. Lancaster; two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Shaver and Mrs. Alan W. Fair; a brother, E. H. Lancaster, K.C.; a sister, Helen L. Lancaster, and two grandchildren, all of St. Catharines.

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TO ALL CITIZENS OF GRIMSBY, I WISH TO EXTEND GREETINGS FOR

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I wish to convey to all Ratepayers and also to the Township Officials, my heartiest thanks for their co-operation in Town affairs.

I particularly wish to thank all Town Employees for their conscientious services during the past year.

**Edric S. Johnson,**  
Mayor of Grimsby.

## SANTA CLAUS ISN'T STREAMLINED!

Praise be, that in a world of bewilderment, worries and work, we still have Santa Claus. For in Christmas there is all the reality of Comradeship, all the happiness of sharing, all the healing peace of a truth that is as old as the earth and as new as tomorrow. With this glad note we wish you . . .

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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GRIMSBY



Thursday, December 23, 1943.

## GRIMSBY BOWLING LEAGUE

Tuesday, December 14th			
BOULEVARD	Kanmacher	169	251
Sims	Clark	192	208
Terry		163	163
Bourne		127	135
Inglehart	Harrison	181	200
Hewson	Hunter	177	154
Handicap	Stuart	112	152
	Hummel	193	195
	Allez	157	180
	Handicap	50	60
		886	923
BARBERS		927	927
Hand		121	161
Kelterbourne		129	176
Turner		133	135
Tufford		151	227
Forester		174	256
		939	955
Barbers, 2; Boulevard, 1.		892	892
ST. JOSEPH'S			
Fr. Cerrone		189	168
Case		161	226
R. Phipps		136	140
Vooges		215	131
Low Score		156	179
Handicap		30	40
		887	884
PONY EXPRESS		927	927
Hand		156	198
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Simms		208	200
McGregor		246	207
Henley		182	179
		963	971
BLACK CATS		861	861
Tufford		160	168
Southward		239	262
Cosby		245	190
Farrow		223	147
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		1104	1101
GAS HOUSE		1126	1126
Girling		154	171
Rahn		192	148
C. Shelton		219	164
Hartnett		195	255
P. Shelton		221	217
Buckenham		234	214
		981	1018
Black Cats, 3; Gas House, 0.		998	998
WONDERS			
Luey		222	261
Colter		187	199
Hurst		282	153
Leskey		197	206
Hewitt		287	203
		1175	1022
ST. ANDREW'S		1122	1122
Rogers		149	262
Alton		219	172
Phelps		247	151
Theal		124	222
Shafer		197	142
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Wednesday, Dec. 15th			
OWLS' CLUB			
Moore		117	172
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Tillotson		220	136
Handicap		60	80
		1247	1043
BUTCHERS		924	924
Betts		129	153
Fisher		179	171
St. John		174	147
Burgess		205	140
Martin		135	207
		822	818
Nia. Packers, 3; Butchers, 0.		800	800
Mondays, December 20th			
HIGHWAY			
Ryan		180	174
Henslip		195	236
Wilson		216	290
Lambert		286	185
		877	895
OWLS' CLUB		759	759
Lewis		209	137
Hysert		122	165
Lawson		138	269
Dunham		243	204
Handicap		16	10
		712	875
PIRATES		957	957
Falloon		176	202
Cletenburg		243	159
Metcalf		217	240
		877	895
GAMES NEXT WEEK			
		Monday, December 27th	
		7:30—Farmers vs. Sheet Metals.	
		7:30—Pin Twisters vs. Firemen.	
		9:00—Pirates vs. Highway.	
		9:00—Pony Express vs. West End.	
		Tuesday, December 28th	
		7:30—Wonders vs. Peach Kings.	
		7:30—Gas House vs. St. Andrew's.	
		9:00—Barbers vs. St. Joseph's.	
		9:00—Butchers vs. Boulevard.	
		Wednesday, December 29th	
		High Score, 239, D. MacBride.	
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# Lincoln County Council Reports

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT for the COUNTY OF LINCOLN

F. E. WEIR, Road Superintendent and Engineer.  
TO:—The Warden and Council of the County of Lincoln in Council assembled:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my Annual Report on the County roads for the year 1943.

Since the consolidated by-law of County roads was passed by the County Council this year we have 134.6 miles of County roads and 12.5 miles of Suburban roads, as follows:—

County:	Road	Length	Type of Road
1E—Lake Shore	13.6 miles	2.1 Penetration .75 Concrete, 11.75 S.T. Gravel.	
2E—Niagara Stone	7.9 miles	5.4 Penetration 2.5 S.T. Macadam.	
3E—Green Lane	5.8 miles	1.3 Penetration 4.5 S.T. Macadam.	
5E—Fly	13.4 miles	6.5 S.T. Macadam 6.9 Macadam.	
6E—Twenty	11.6 miles	1.1 Penetration 10.5 S.T. Macadam.	
7E—	13.1 miles	18.1 S.T. Macadam.	
8E—Canboro	10.3 miles	10.3 S.T. Macadam.	
1N—Creek	4.4 miles	4.4 S.T. Macadam.	
2N—Geneva	2.2 miles	2.2 Macadam.	
8N—Gregory	3.3 miles	3.3 S.T. Macadam.	
9N—Jordan	3.0 miles	2.4 Penetration .6 Macadam.	
10N—Townline	6.5 miles	2.2 Penetration 4.3 S.T. Macadam.	
12N—Silverdale	4.9 miles	2.8 S.T. Macadam 2.6 S.T. Gravel.	
13N—Beamsville	6.6 miles	4.5 Penetration 1.6 S.T. Macadam, 5 Macadam.	
15N—Park Mtn.	16.4 miles	2 Penetration 14.4 S.T. Macadam.	
16N—Grimsby	5.0 miles	5 S.T. Macadam.	
17N—Grassie	2.0 miles	2.0 Macadam.	
19N—Caistorville	4.6 miles	4.6 S.T. Macadam.	
Suburban:—			
S—Lake St.	.21 miles	Concrete.	
3S—Niagara	2.4 miles	2 Concrete .4 Asphalt.	
4S—Merrittville	2.1 miles	Concrete.	
5S—Pelham	3.3 miles	Concrete.	
6S—Ontario	2.0 miles	Concrete.	
7S—Martindale	2.5 miles	2.3 Asphalt .2 Concrete.	
Post-War Construction:—			
A report by the special road committee on Post-War construction has been printed in the minutes of the November session and I hope will be discussed by future County Councils as the recommendations contained in it are worth considering. The order of doing these jobs is not important but their being carried out in the order which each succeeding County Council decides best, should be considered important. Roads cannot be built without spending large sums of money. The work should be paid for as it is done.			
We have found by past experience that each year brings problems of its own and that roads are not permanent and need continual maintenance. We have also found that good roads are increasingly necessary to our living.			
There is a plan under way which is being discussed by Provincial and Dominion authorities in addition to the plan which this County has discussed which would eliminate all railway intersections with the main County and Township roads. I am led to believe that the part of the cost which the County would pay in these crossing eliminations would be small.			
There is also under discussion the possibility of raising the subsidy paid to Counties and Townships on bridge construction. It is probable that we may hear more about these plans before long.			
Construction:—			
There has been very little construction done this year. We built 4 culverts on 5E between Sev'n and North Grimsby and West of 13N in Clinton Township. These culverts were too narrow and smaller than necessary to properly carry off the water. This job was approved by the Department of Highways. Some work which was started in previous years was completed. Grading North of the new bridge at Warner was finished and 4 corners at Jordan on 9N are being improved. A short piece of curb and gutter to improve the drainage was built at Wellandport. Some smaller wooden culverts have been installed where metal culverts failed.			
Maintenance:—			
Patching holes in roads and repairing parts of roads which failed has taken considerable time and materials and the cost has been high. The cheapest way to maintain roads is to repair them before they break up. We have not been able to do this during the past 3 years and have been compelled by lack of materials to resort more to hand patching.			
Some ditching has been done to improve the drainage on a few roads. More of this work would be worth our while if men were available.			
We have not been able to widen any of our stone roads during the past year. This is a job which can be undertaken on a large scale in our post war plan.			
Bituminous materials have been available in very limited quantities only and some of them have not been up to pre war standards. The supply companies however have done a splendid job in keeping our jobs going. They have needed a little longer notice before shipment could be made due to the many demands made on them but have always delivered the goods when promised. This fact has been a great help to us and enabled us to plan our work so that there were few delays.			
Equipment:—			
Our equipment has stood up well this year. One truck, old No. 1 at last has had to be scrapped. This truck, a G.M.C. was bought in 1928 for \$4,020.00 and has worked continuously since that time. It has plowed snow in winter until last year in addition to the work a truck is ordinarily supposed to do. Careful maintenance and good drivers were largely responsible for its long life. This truck paid for it			

self many times. Ordinarily the life of this truck would be 5 years.

Truck No. 2. The F.W.D. is doing good work. In 1941 we retired \$1,232.26 of the cost price, in 1942 another \$1,412.05 and 1943 up to Oct. 31st it had earned \$1,860.01. It is paying for itself and is our main standby for snow removal in winter.

The other trucks which were purchased on a rental basis in 1940, No. 6 International 3 ton and No. 7 Maple Leaf 3 ton have already paid for themselves and are now showing considerable profits. No. 8 bought last Spring seems to be a good truck and this year we will write off about \$1,000.00 for depreciation.

Trucks No. 4 and 5 bought in 1938 at about \$1,738.00 each have paid for themselves and should be replaced by new trucks if they were available but it is doubtful if we could get permission from the Controller of motor vehicles to do this now.

Our Steam Roller, now 23 years old has been rented most of the summer at \$2.50 per hour. We supply the roller man, coal, oil etc. It has shown a profit of about \$400.00 on this work.

The Osgood Shovel continues to be a very valuable piece of equipment and we could not operate very well without it since men are so hard to get. During the 4 years we have had it we have written off approximately \$6,300.00 depreciation. This shovel when new would cost around \$11,000.00. We charge \$2.50 an hour against our own jobs. Contractors are charging from \$5.00 to \$7.00 an hour for similar equipment.

### New Equipment:—

This year the equipment bought was a new pump and a new light snowplow, and No. 8, 5 ton International Truck (on a rental basis).

### Stock:—

We have on hand 15 tons of Atlacide weed killer which I ordered last March and did not get until September, too late for this year's work. The cost to us at our storehouse was a little more than 7c a pound.

We have also about \$600.00 worth of wood pipe culverts which is necessary to have in case of emergency as it takes from 3 weeks to a month to get them now.

During the year we have bought about 16,000 gallons of gasoline which has been charged against the different pieces of equipment which used it. Oil and grease used cost \$327.82.

Lumber on hand not including used lumber but which includes oak bridge plank is valued at \$715.00.

### Suburban Roads:—

Little work outside ordinary maintenance was done this year. The Merrittville road was badly broken early in the year by the Hydro Electric Power Commission in hauling very heavy loads to the DeCew Falls Power Development. Several meetings were arranged between the Suburban Area Commission and the Hydro Engineers and it was finally agreed that the Hydro should pay \$15,500.00 toward the rebuilding of this road.

The Suburban Area Commission have discussed the advisability of making a fill to widen and straighten the road just south of the Canadian National Railway but nothing has been definitely settled about it as yet.

### Statement of Expenditures:—

The tables of costs for work done this year follow and form part of this report.

I wish to thank the road committee and the County Council for their co-operation during the past year. I hope that by next year the war situation will have improved so that we can get materials to do some of the jobs which have been laid aside for lack of men and materials to do them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. E. WEIR,  
County Engineer and Road Superintendent.

## REPORT OF LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD, 1943

TO:—The Warden and Council of the County of Lincoln.

Gentlemen:

All Local Boards are required by the Commission to meet once a month. Your Board has met on a stated day, the 2nd Thursday of each month, this in order that the Clerks in sending us applications will know when to expect them to be dealt with.

Due to the fact that every well person has been employed in some capacity during 1943 and earning good wages is to some extent the reason that the number of applications remains the same as last year. Men who formerly depended entirely on the fluctuating incomes from their farms are in many cases able to supplement by war industry, thus enabling them to carry the full responsibility of their families. Strange but in each of the 3 classes of Pension, Old Age, Blind and Mothers' Allowance we received exactly the same number of applications as we did in 1942.

There have been no changes in the administration of the pension work during the year but due to war conditions a cost of living bonus was added twice. The first one was instituted on June 1st when an additional \$3.00 was paid to all Old Age Pensioners. The second one of \$5.00 was added on Nov. 1st but—paid only in such cases as it is found by

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Proceedings of December Session, 1943 the Commission to be needed. Each case will be dealt with separately, on its own individual merits in the payment of this \$5.00 increase. Thus, full pension at the present time amounts to \$23.00 instead of the former \$20.00 and \$28.00 where it is needed. A 20% bonus was given to recipients of Mothers' Allowance. Thus a mother with one child receives \$30.00 instead of the \$25.00 formerly paid.

Since the inception of the Old Age Pension Act in August, 1929 there have been 1411 applications accepted in Lincoln County. At the present time we have 385 persons receiving Old Age Pension. The Blind Persons' Pension Act was instituted at the same time and from records kept since 1937 there have been 25 applications made in Lincoln County with 8 benefitting at present. The Mothers' Allowance Act dates back to 1920. There was no record kept up to March, 1938 when the Local Board began to function. Since then 105 have made application here and 35 of these are benefitting under the Act now.

It might be of interest to you to know that since the

Old Age Pension Act came into force the statistics show that life has been prolonged 2½ years. No doubt the satisfaction of mind brought about through freedom from worry concerning ways and means in their later years has contributed largely to this fact.

Many individuals at the age of 70 and over are quite alone in the world without anyone to give them necessary care. In this connection we have resident in the Lincoln County Home at present 1 Blind and 23 Old Age Pensioners. In this way about \$552.00 goes to the Home Management each month and—these people have a comfortable home and good care.

51 Applications for Old Age Pension were received during 1943. 22 of these have been granted and, during the same time 47 deaths were reported. 1 Blind Pension application and 14 Mothers' Allowance were received also during the year. These have all been dealt with and passed on to the Commission so that as far as our office is concerned we can start the New Year with a clean slate.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. A. HEDLEY, Chairman.

## CONTINUATIONS

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### RESTRICTIONS ARE

clusive, and only as permitted under (b) and (c) following:

No outside lighting of Christmas trees or Christmas decorations shall be allowed in any case.

No Christmas trees, or Christmas decorations shall be lighted in connection with stores or other commercial organizations.

(b)—During the period, December 24th to January 1st, inclusive, Christmas trees and Christmas decorations may be lighted within the home, but not on front lawns, verandas, or in any place in connection with the home, except inside the house.

(c)—During the period, December 24th to January 1st, inclusive, Christmas trees and Christmas decorations may be lighted in churches, Sunday schools, parish halls and other buildings in connection with churches or religious organizations; also in connection with hospitals, halls under the auspices of fraternal societies, service clubs, charitable institutions and other similar non-commercial organizations.

### BAKE SHOP CLOSED

Editor George Adams of the Smithville Review, telephoned Mayor Edric S. Johnson, inquiring as to why the shop was closed, but this was the first intimation that the Local Board had of the matter.

Hamilton office of the W.P.T.B. knew nothing of it. All investigating and closing of businesses in this district are conducted through the St. Catharines office and just what information had

been received by an investigator from that office, or the reason for closing the shop is not known by the Local Board.

The following letter was mailed Tuesday afternoon to Smithville, by Mayor Johnson, Chairman of the Local Board, of which all the Reeves in North Grimsby, Clinton, Beamsbridge, South Grimsby, Gainsborough, are members.

Grimbsy, Ontario, December 21st, 1943.

Mr. George Adams, Editor, Smithville, Review, Smithville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Would you please publish the following letter.

Re: Closing of Business of Messrs. Wara & Voll, Smithville, Ontario.

The Local Ration Board with offices at Grimsby had no knowledge whatever of the closing of this business until called for information by the Editor of the Smithville Review. No complaint was ever received by this office at any time in regard to this business and, in any event, this office could have no power to act in regard to the closing of any business.

Yours very truly,

Edric S. Johnson, Chairman, Local Ration Board T. 13, Office at Grimsby, Ont.

### CITIZENS SHOULD

ner in which the municipal bodies have handled the municipal business, but that does not alter the fact that citizens should attend these meetings.

Up in the town of Dutton, the election is held on the first Monday in December. At the nomination meeting held one week previous, not one citizen turned up to hear what the Mayor and Councillors had to say. Dutton is a well run town. The people were satisfied with their council. But they did not show up at nomination meet-

ing. The result of this was that the Mayor and Councillors refused to qualify for election for another year and a second nomination meeting has now to be held.

Mayor Johnson is very desirous that the citizens come out to the nomination meeting. So is Reeve Durham of North Grimsby. They want the people to attend and receive a financial statement of their own affairs and hear what they have to report. Not just depend upon what they read in the newspapers.

We hope to see both nomination meetings on Monday next well attended. In the township Reeve Durham, Deputy-Reeve Crittenden and Councillors Mitchell, Neilles and Cowan have announced their intention of seeking office for another year.

In the town there, so far, has been no authoritative intimation made as to what the present council members propose doing. There are rumors aplenty, but rumors mean nothing. It is to be hoped that the present council will seek re-election.

Three old members of the Board of Education are due for re-election in the persons of Dr. McIntyre, C. D. Milyard, T. A. Sims, also a new member must be elected for one year to fill the unexpired term of Earl J. Marsh.

Let us see packed meetings at both nominations on Monday.

### PRESENTATION TO

During the past year the greatest reduction of any one year was made on the debt, some \$462,000.

N. J. M. Lockhart, M.P., extended greetings and best wishes, with a few aside at his friends among the councillors and ex-wardens.

County Judge G. J. S. Stanbury commented on the fact that in 18 years no grand jury had been required in Lincoln at the quarterly sessions which he believed a record in the province.

Dr. W. L. Maguire, the new physician at the County Home, was presented to the assembly and extended greetings.

Reeve Norman Miller, of Louth, voiced the toast to the Ex-Warriors' Association, which was responded to by Fred Haynes, Graham, president; William Mitchell, North Grimsby, and Thomas Allan, North Grimsby. Mr. Mitchell suggested to council that they should take action in providing a breakwater to protect the land along the lake front. He advised his hearers that the lake at one time extended to the foot of the mountain at Grimsby and urged that plans to protect the lake land be taken at an early date.

**Card of Thanks**

Mr. A. J. Cole wishes to thank his many friends and neighbours for kindness and sympathy shown in his recent sad bereavement, also for the beautiful floral tributes.

**Presented With Gold Watches**

Councillor Howard Ingelhart and George Gledhill, proprietors of the Grimsby Garage, were last week recipients of handsomely engraved gold watches, a presentation from the McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., in commemoration of 20 years as local representatives of that firm.

**Stores Closed On Boxing Day**

Grimsby merchants, by agreement among themselves, will keep their places of business closed on Monday, Dec. 27th, Boxing Day. This means that all stores will be closed from early in the evening on Christmas Eve until the following Tuesday morning. The Liquor store will also be closed on Boxing Day, and the beverage rooms will be closed on Christmas Day, and quite possibly Boxing Day, as it is not likely they will have any stock on hand to open up and do business with.

**Christmas Joy**

May you enjoy the holidays to their fullest. May you receive all the blessings of Christmas Time. May you live long in wisdom and in health.

**J. W. Buck & Son**  
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**Watch Clock And Jewellery Repairs**

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WATCHES

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**ALEXANDER**  
HARDWARE  
Company, Limited

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Shop here for those last minute items.

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— PLAYING CARDS  
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— GAMES  
— CHRISTMAS CARDS

**GLOKE**  
SON LIMITED  
HAMONTON CANADA  
65 WEST MAIN STREET

**Hitlerites Are Due For Big Fall**

Horse Thieves Who Have Been Stealing From Cigarette Fund Jars Are Due For a Tumble.

Gordon Hannah, of Hotel Grimsby, has discovered a way to stop the thieving of money from the Cigarette Fund jar on his cigar counter.

About two months ago this jar became very non-productive of coin of the realm when W. E. Culkingford made his collection rounds. Gordon and "Cully" put their heads together, because Gordon knew that there should be plenty in the jar. Had seen it placed there. He also had noticed that a high line today was a low line tomorrow.

The horse thieves that have been snaffling this money wouldn't do so if there was a chance in the world of them being caught, because they know it would be just too bad if they were.

The Cigarette Fund jar has money in it today. It is also half full of water. The boys just drop their nickles, dimes and quarters into the water, they sink to the bottom.

The louse that wants to steal that dough now, has to turn the jar upside down, as before, but this time the water comes out first. That means a mess. It also means that the money will not slide out so easy. It sticks to the glass.

Some Hitlerite will try to get away with it, so wait and see what happens.

**Ration Coupons For Service Men**

Of interest to local homemakers are the new regulations governing additional ration coupons for entertaining members of the armed forces on short leaves.

The ration administration has arranged that ration application cards will be given with leave pass for a 48, 72 or 96-hour leave. At the conclusion of the visit, the serviceman will fill in the particulars called for on the special ration card, including the number of meals he was served in the home.

His mother or hostess will also sign the card, which may be mailed or taken to any Local Ration Board. For every nine meals shown on the card, a two week's supply of any one rationed food may be obtained in ration coupons.

Ununiformed men on longer leaves, that is five days or more, will call for the usual temporary ration card at the Local Ration Office.

**Parish Priest Is Given Honours**

Rev. Nicholas Kohut, O.S.B.M., Recipient Of Address And Radio By Members Of St. Mary's Parish.

The parishioners of St. Mary's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church at Grimsby honoured their parish priest, Rev. Nicholas Kohut, O.S.B.M., Superior of the Basilian Fathers at Grimsby, on the occasion of his namesake.

Sunday evening, Dec. 19th, on the Feast of St. Nicholas all the parishioners and many guests from St. Catharines Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish gathered in the Parochial Hall, where a surprise was waiting for Father Kohut. Rev. Kohut usually has lectures every Sunday after the services, so the setting was perfect. Accordingly Rev. Kohut was caught totally by surprise, when he passed through the hall doors, to be greeted by a hearty applause from all parts of the crowded hall, and also to see the tables prepared for supper.

Before Father Superior could make another step Mr. Wm. Palmer, Secretary of St. Mary's Parish began his address of welcome, extending the best wishes of all present and presented their parish priest a bouquet of flowers. Rev. Kohut accepted Mr. Palmer's address and everybody proceeded to take their places at the tables.

The toast-master for the evening was Wm. Palmer. The speakers were: Rev. I. Lesiuk, O.S.B.M., professor of Theology, Mr. T. Wisniewski, Vice-President of St. Mary's Parish. Mrs. T. Wisniewski spoke on behalf of the Women's Organization; Mr. G. Galay, representative of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth Club, Mr. Bozenko spoke on behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. Catharines.

The next speaker was Rev. B. Dribenky, O.S.B.M., professor of Philosophy. Following Rev. Dribenky's address Mr. Palmer presented Father Kohut with a suitable gift, an eight tube radio.

After the many hearty applauses had calmed down, Father Kohut expressed his most sincere thanks and gratitude towards all those present.

This surprise was made possible to be held in the Parochial Hall owing to the special endeavours of Mr. D. Cloughley, the local tinsmith, and a few of the parishioners to have the furnace ready for heating by Sunday.

**Don Smith Injured In Car Crash**

Donald Smith, 24, of North Grimsby, passenger in a car in charge of Keith Zimmerman, also of North Grimsby, sustained severe facial lacerations Monday evening when their car was allegedly struck by another, in charge of Mervin Glover, 19, of Cannon St. east, Hamilton.

The accident happened on No. 8 highway one mile west of town. Provincial Constable A. E. Reilly, who investigated, was informed that the Zimmerman car, headed east, was stopped on the left shoulder of the highway when a west-bound machine in charge of Glover crashed into it.

The injured man was attended by Dr. A. F. McIntyre. Both cars were considerably damaged.

The man who wants the world as his oyster nowadays certainly must be stewed.

There are some things you can't use only once, but a movie plot is not one of them.

What's the use of running if you are on the wrong road?

Help him to get a live home

FOR him, that Long Distance call home at Christmas is the big event of the day. He's counting on it. Let's make sure that he, and thousands like him, won't be disappointed.

It means giving up our own Christmas telephoning, so that war-crowded lines will be freed to handle the flood of holiday greetings from naval, army and air force posts across the country. It means sending our Christmas messages by mail.

Should you find you must telephone out-of-town, try to do so as many days before the holiday as possible.

And especially avoid all non-essential calls to distant or war-busy centres. Winning the war is a non-stop job, and urgent messages must go through.

On Active Service Giving Wings to Words

**IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?**

This editorial, which has partly become timeless, was written in the New York Sun in 1897 by Francis Pharcellus Church in answer to a letter from a little eight year old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon who had been told by some of her friends that there was no Santa Claus.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see.

They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect,

an ant, in his intellect,

as compared with the boundless worlds about him,

as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping

the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound

and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would the world be if there were no Santa Claus!

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light in which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus!

You might as well not believe in fairies!

You might as well not believe in the Sun or in the stars.

Virginia, the light on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus,

but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down,

what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither

child nor man can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the grass?

Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are

unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen

world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength

of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, love, romance, can push aside

that curtain and view and picture

the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

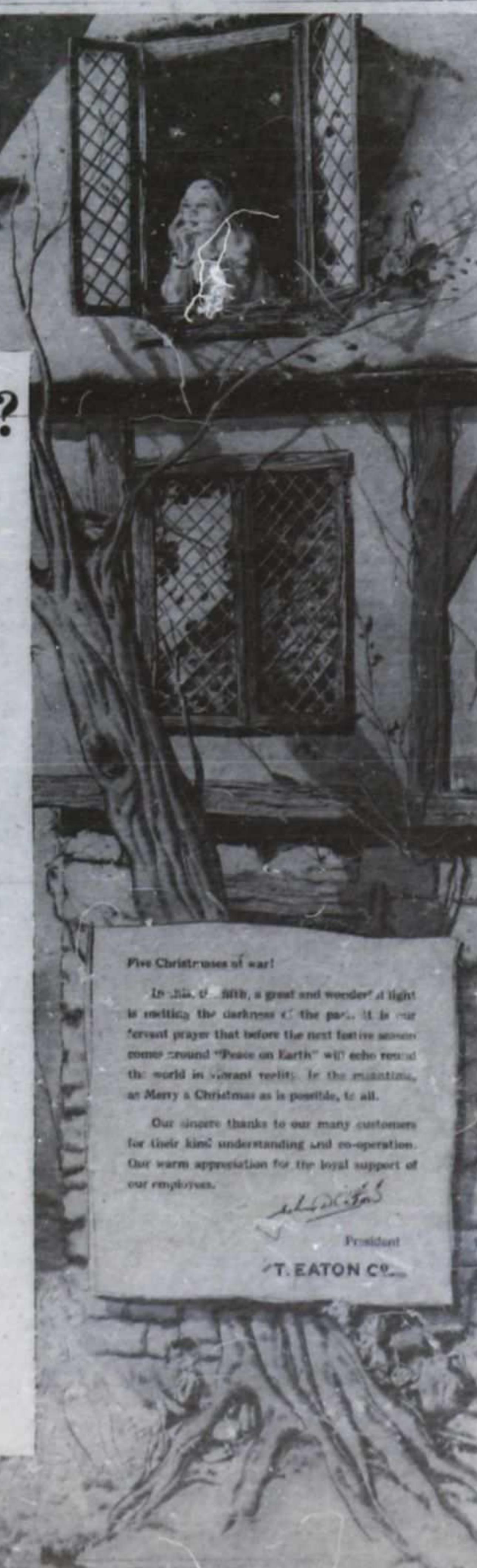
Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus!

Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.

A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he still continues to make glad the heart of childhood.



Five Christmases of war!

In this, the fifth, a great and wretched light is melting the darkness of the past. It is our fervent prayer that before the next festive season comes round "Peace on Earth" will echo round the world in vibrant reality. In the meantime, let Merry a Christmas as is possible, to all.

Our sincere thanks to our many customers for their kind understanding and co-operation. Our warm appreciation for the loyal support of our employees.

President  
T. EATON CO.

The Navy League  
Grand Rally